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US1) entitled "COUPLED JOINT DESIGN FOR EFFICIENT THERMOELECTRIC COOLERS" filed on December 7, 2000, and to co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/731,614 (IBM Docket No. AUS9-2000-0556-US1) entitled "ENHANCED INTERFACE THERMOELECTRIC COOLERS USING ETCHED THERMOELECTRIC MATERIAL TIPS" filed on December 7, 2000. The content of the above mentioned commonly assigned, co-pending U. S. Patent applications are hereby incorporated herein by reference for all purposes.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-8.

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 have been canceled. Claims 9-27 remain in the application. These claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. The examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if in the opinion of the examiner such a telephone conference would expedite or aid the prosecution and examination of this application.

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